

The Silk Store

Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventh Street.
Remnants That Are Rare-bits.

Not only the natural accumulation of the small lots and broken sizes of normal business conditions—but on these Fridays before stock-taking we turn over the more complete lines—for clearance sake. There could be no bargain offerings in the season equal to these.

12 1/2c. to 20c. Wash Goods - - - - - 5c.
All the lengths from 3 to 10 yards. Among them Irish Dimities, English Batistes, Swiss Mulls, etc.—the flowered and the figured—the striped, the checked and the plain colors—are on first floor counters for choice tomorrow.

Muslin and Cambric Underwear, lace and embroidery trimmed—The Corset Cover, Skirts, Chemises and Draw. Choice. **39c.**

Ladies' \$12.50 Summer Suits - - - - - \$4.98
About 50 Lawns and Piques, in Black and White, Navy Blue and White, including also some Wool Suits. Out of our regular stock is all the recommendation necessary.

Shirt Waists up to \$2.50 **48c.**
The shirt waists are of the best quality; some of them are Star Waists, even, and with a few plain White. But they are mostly fancy Lawns, Percales and Madras—in very choice patterns. All new and fresh and epic again clean.

Men's Tan Leather Belts, with overstrap and harness buckle, worth 50c., for **23c.**

\$5 Summer Skirts - - - - - \$3.98
All-wool Dress Skirts and Rainy-day Skirts, unlined and latest shapes, in Blue and Black Serges, Stettins, Homespuns, Oxford and Tweed Mixtures—strictly tailor-made.

Men's 75c. and \$1 Madras Neglige Shirts; broken sizes, but choice patterns. **48c.**

\$3.50 Wash Skirts - - - - - \$1.25
About 200 of them, in White Duck, Blue Denim, trimmed with White Pique; Brown Lawn, White Pique trimmed; man-tailoring, latest draping. Closing the lots.

Boys' Ribbed Hose; fast Black and double knee; worth 25c., a pair. **14c.**

Boys' \$3 Serge Suits - - - - - \$1.89
They are Short Pants Suits, with Double-breasted and Bow-tie Jackets; light weight. Sizes 3 to 16 years.

Children's White Vests; low neck and sleeveless. Worth 12 1/2c., for **6c.**

Boys' 19c. Wash Pants - - - - - 10c.
Broken lot of Boys' Wash Knee Pants that cannot be duplicated even at this time in the season under 19c. Good patterns. Well made.

Baby Hammocks; only 60 of **10c.**
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\$1 and \$1.25 Neglige Shirts - - - - - 69c.
Men's Colored Silk-Boon Shirts; coolest of all; dressiest of all. Choice colors; fine qualities.

Men's Athletic Leather Belts; 5c. **50c.**
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50c. Neglige Shirts - - - - - 29c.
Percale Shirts; in neat patterns; some with collars and cuffs attached; some with separate collars only. These sizes, 13 1/2, 14 1/2, 15 1/2, 16 1/2, 17 1/2, 18, 19 and 20.

Men's Navy Blue Worst-Ed Bathing Shirts; worth \$1.50, for **50c.**

Men's 50c. Underwear - - - - - 23c.
Broken sizes of Men's Bathing Shirts and Drawers. It's a great bargain if you can be fitted.

Christy Bicycle Saddle; you **98c.**
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15c. to 20c. Laces - - - - - 8c.
Oriental Laces, in Cream tint and many different patterns; 3 to 4 All-wool Brynantine Buses; size 9x12; reduced from \$25 to **\$16.50**

\$14 Jap. Matting - - - - - \$8.00
That's nearly cut to half price. Double-dyed, with inverted patterns. We've 6 rolls to sell at 48.

Woven Wire Springs, with wood frame, slightly damaged; worth \$4.50, for **\$2.25**

Ladies' 39c. Hose - - - - - 25c.
Fast Black, Full Regular Made Hose, with applied soles, heels and toes.

150 feet Garden Hose; good quality rubber, but slightly damaged; worth \$4.50, for **3c.**

8c. to 12c. Handkerchiefs - - - - - 5c.
Ladies' Embroidered, Hemstitched and Lace-trimmed Handkerchiefs; and some with Initial. A budget of small lots.

1 Refrigerator; hardwood case, but lock is damaged; otherwise perfect; worth \$10, for **\$5.75**

65c. Nottingham Curtains - - - - - 40c.
There are 25 pairs that are not just as perfect as they should be, but not damaged to hurt.

2 Double-bedded Sackat Shyners; size 60; heavy quality; reduced from \$4.50 to **\$4.50**

Ladies' 29c. Vests - - - - - 25c.
High neck or "V" neck; with short sleeves; Ribbed Vests that are fittingly shaped; and good value at 20c.—so a bargain at 12c.

3 Japanned Water Cooler; galvanized iron lined and charcoal packed; worth \$1.98, for **\$1.00**

Ladies' \$1 Chamois Gloves - - - - - 75c.
Every pair warranted and fitted, if you want them fitted. The very best make; soft, pliable and washable.

16c. to 20c. Embroideries - - - - - 12 1/2c.
Ribbon Beadings, Insertings and Edgings—which are what you want most of all.

Odds and Ends Bike Sundries - - - - - 3c.
Help yourself to anything on the special table for 3c.—Toe Clips, Remond, Lubricant, Lamp Brackets, Bicycle Locks, Jery Ropes, Chain Covers, Wall Brackets, Lamps that are imperfect, and Tire Cleaners.

AUTHORITIES TAKE ACTION.
Move Against Alleged Law Breakers—Smallpox at Lakeland.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.
HYATTSVILLE, Md., August 9, 1900.

It is understood from a reliable source that efforts will be made to close up the Columbia Pleasure Club, located near Chesapeake Junction, in Prince George's county.

It is also intimated that a special session of the grand jury will be called to deal with the matter. The suggestion for an extra session of the grand jury meets with the approval of the law-abiding citizens in that and this section of the country.

Information was received this morning of three cases of smallpox at Lakeland, Md., a small town about three miles from this place. The information was brought by Constable Robert L. Payne of Brentwood, who had occasion call to the place first to have a horse shod, and then to have the horse shod, and he went through the trying ordeal without the help of a physician and is rapidly recovering. His face is frightfully marked from the disease. There are three members of his family now ill of the disease. When the constable went to the house this morning a woman covered with the smallpox pustules came to the door to answer his summons. The constable beat a hasty retreat. He then went to the post office at Berwyn and reported the fact that place had been there and diagnosed the cases as smallpox, and, further, that the Maryland health authorities had been notified and that the people in that section are very much wrought up over the presence of the disease, and it is generally feared the Union drawn steel works would also be destroyed, but by heroic efforts the firemen kept the flames from spreading. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

Fire at Beaver Falls, Pa.
BEAVER FALLS, Pa., August 9.—Fire last night totally destroyed the works of the Shelby Steel Tube Company and the Electroduct Company, doing damage to the extent of \$200,000. The fire was discovered shortly before midnight and burned so fiercely that for a time it feared the Union drawn steel works would also be destroyed, but by heroic efforts the firemen kept the flames from spreading. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

FINANCIAL HISTORY

An Important Document Issued by the Treasury Department.

GOLD DOLLAR THE UNIT OF VALUE

Paper Currency and the Status of Each Kind.

MONETARY EVENTS

The Treasury Department has just issued a most valuable and comprehensive financial document. It is a pamphlet that gives in detail the financial history of the government from its foundation. It is similar to the statements issued in 1896 and 1897, but the present document presents many facts not heretofore printed. The pamphlet was prepared by A. T. Huntington, chief of the divisions of loans and currency of the treasury, at the suggestion of Assistant Secretary Vanderlip.

In this political year the facts contained will be of widespread interest and use. This treasury document says that while the law provided a double standard for over 100 years it has never been effective.

Standard of Value.
In providing for the coinage of the precious metals Congress established, by the act of April 2, 1792, the standard of value, consisting of certain gold and silver coins, at a ratio of 15 to 1—that is to say, the value of an ounce of fine gold was in effect declared to be equal to the value of fifteen ounces of fine silver. A list of the coins authorized by the act of April 2, 1792, with their weights and fineness, will be found in another place. Both gold and silver were there declared to be standard.

The ratio of 15 to 1 was adopted in pursuance of investigations conducted by Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury, who in his report upon the subject, said that 15 to 1 was a near approximation to the commercial value of the two metals. It was soon discovered, however, that gold at the rate of 15 to 1 was undervalued, and silver became practically the only metallic money available for use in the United States. In 1834 the ratio was changed to 16 to 1. That is the present ratio, and is commonly called 16 to 1. By this change silver was undervalued and gold came into use in its place.

By the act of February 12, 1875, the coinage of the standard silver dollar was discontinued, and the gold dollar of 25 cents was declared to be the unit of value. The subsequent restoration of the coinage of silver dollars under the act of March 3, 1875, by the government account and did not restore the silver dollar to its former place as a standard of value.

Coins and Paper Currency.
There are ten different kinds of money in circulation in the United States, namely, gold coins, standard silver dollars, subsidiary silver, gold certificates, silver certificates, treasury notes, United States notes (also called greenbacks and legal tenders), national bank notes, and nickel and bronze coins. These forms of money are all available for circulation, and they do not all possess the full legal tender quality, each kind has such attributes as to give it currency. The status of each kind is as follows:

Gold coin is legal tender at its nominal or face value for all debts, public and private, when not below the standard weight and limit of tolerance prescribed by law, and when below such standard and limit of tolerance it is legal tender in proportion to its weight.

Standard silver dollars are legal tender at their nominal or face value in payment of all debts, public and private, without regard to amount, except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract.

Subsidiary silver is legal tender for amounts not exceeding \$10 in any one payment.

Treasury notes of the act of July 14, 1890, are legal tender for all debts, public and private, except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract.

United States notes are legal tender for all debts, public and private, except duties on imports and interest on the public debt. Gold and silver certificates are not legal tender, but both classes of certificates are receivable for all public dues except duties on imports and interest on the public debt.

Demands owing by the United States to individuals, corporations and associations within the United States, and demands on the public debt and in redemption of the national currency. All national banks are required by law to receive the notes of other national banks at par.

The minor coins of nickel and copper are legal tender to the extent of 25 cents.

Paper Money.
The first paper money ever issued by the government of the United States was authorized by the acts of July 17 and August 5, 1861. The notes issued were called "demand notes," because they were payable on demand at certain designated subtreasuries. They were receivable for all public dues, and the Secretary was authorized to release them when received; but the time within which such releases might be made was limited to the end of March 31, 1862. The amount authorized by the act was \$20,000,000. An additional issue of \$10,000,000 was authorized by the act of February 12, 1862, and the amount was increased to \$30,000,000. The demand notes were paid in gold when presented for redemption, and they were received for all public dues, and they were also receivable for the redemption of all United States notes were depreciated in value from 1862 until the redemption of the notes was completed by the act of February 25, 1862, provided for the substitution of United States notes in place of the demand notes.

Fractional Currency.
When specie payments were suspended, about January 1, 1862, both gold and silver coins disappeared from circulation. The place of the subsidiary silver coins was for a time supplied by the use of tickets, duebills and other forms of private obligations, which were issued by merchants, manufacturers and others whose business required them to "make change." Congress soon interfered and authorized, first, the use of postage stamps for change; second, a modification of the subsidiary silver coins; and, third, the issue of fractional paper currency, and finally fractional paper currency in denominations corresponding to the value of the subsidiary silver coins. The highest amount authorized was \$500,000. The highest amount outstanding at any time was \$49,000,000.27, and the amount still outstanding at the end of 1862 was \$15,254,924.41, of which \$8,375,924 is officially estimated to have been destroyed.

Monetary Events Since 1786.
The pamphlet gives an important summary of monetary events since 1786. This summary, which is of much value, is as follows:

1786.—Establishment of the double standard in the United States with a ratio of 1 to 15; that is, on the basis of 123.134 grains of fine gold for the half eagle, or 55 pieces, and 375.94 grains of fine silver for the dollar, without any actual coinage.

1792.—Adoption of the ratio of 1 to 15 and establishment of a mint with free and gratuitous coinage. The United States silver dollar equal to 371.24 grains fine, the eagle to 247.5 grains fine.

1801.—Establishment of the double standard in France on the basis of the ratio of 1 to 15; notwithstanding the fact that the market ratio was about 1 to 15 1/2.

1810.—Introduction of the silver standard in Russia on the basis of the ruble of 17.90 grams of fine silver, followed in 1871 by the

25c. Ribbons, 83 1/2c.

Remnants of Fine Quality All-silk Taffeta Ribbons, 2 1/2 inches wide, in nearly all shades; extra heavy, non-splendable kind; desirable lengths from 12 to 3 yards; good as new. Remnant price, 83 1/2c. yard.

Replete With Extraordinary Friday Bargains

Commercial conditions make this one of the most important bargain Fridays of the entire season. This week's Trade Sale of manufacturers' stocks with its busy selling has caused many broken lines to pile up. The waning season demands the prompt expulsion of many regular lines besides. We haven't hesitated to make the deepest sacrifices—prices are slashed mercilessly—for the selling must be short, sharp and decisive. The details follow:

Shirt Waists worth up to \$1.25 33c.

Now comes the final sacrifice of Shirt Waists—and the greatest of all. Tomorrow we offer choice of hundreds of Fine Quality Colored Shirt Waists, consisting of lawn, percales, madras and chambrays, trimmed in various styles and made with new French backs, that show they are all this season's garments. There's the widest possible range of choice colorings and neat patterns in stripes and figures—and every variety in the way of trimming. Many exclusive effects among them—and quantities which will sell up to \$1 and 50c. each—then all in one big lot for tomorrow's sensational selling at.....

Tremendous Cuts in Wash Goods.

A big remnant lot of fine Wash Goods in short pieces from 1, 2, 4 to 8 yards—comprising Figured Lawns and Dimities in a vast range of styles and colorings, which sold at the piece at 50c., 10c. and 12 1/2c. a yard—will go Friday, per yd., for **27 1/2c.**

Women's Undergarments and Children's Wear.

5 dozen Scotch Gingham Washable Petticoats, made with deep rounce and two small ruffles on each side. Remnant price, 25c. value.

Children's Embroidered Mill Caps, in French and high styles—slightly soiled from handling—regular values up to \$1.50—choice **29c.**

Ladies' Muslin and Cambric Undergarments, comprising Gowns, Skirts, Drawers, Chemises and Corsets, all new, trimmed, and fine qualities—sold up to 98c.—**49c.**

A lot of Corsets, in pink, light blue and white—made of fine French cotton—also a lot of Summer Corsets, in white, blue, and black—sold at 60c., for **39c.**

Small lot of Umbrella Drawers, trimmed with lace; Low Neck Corset Covers, trimmed with lace and embroidery; Short Skirts, with deep hem and lace; and Lace Trimmed Chemise. Choice for **19c.**

Lining Remnants.

A remnant lot of fine quality Linings, consisting of all the latest styles in percale, etc.—in good, usable lengths—sold of the piece up to 15c. a yard—Friday, **5 1/2c.**

40-inch Lining Lawns, in a good variety of colors—sold regularly at 10c. yard—**9 1/2c.**

Boys' Clothing.

A remnant lot of Boys' Dark Tan Shirts and Crash Shirts—sold at 25c.—a small quantity so that if you want one you must be prompt. Choice **11c.**

4 dozen Boys' Percale Shirt Waists, in sizes from 12 to 16—sold at 15c.—**9 1/2c.**

Lot of Boys' Blue Denim Overalls, sizes 3 to 7—sold at 25c.—will go to **16c.**

Boys' Wash Suits—last of lines sold at 60c., 75c. and 80c.—in sizes 3 to 6 only—mostly dark patterns—go for **29c.**

Regular 50c. quality White Duck Knee Pants, sizes 3 to 16—sold at 50c.—**23c.**

coinage of imperials, or gold pieces of 5 rubles and 10 rubles. Silver, 45-166. 1892.—Replacing of the silver standard in Austria-Hungary by that of gold by the law of August 1, 1892. (Coinage of pieces of 20 crowns, containing 6.866 grams of gold.) The crown equals one-half florin. Meeting of the third international monetary conference in Vienna, 1892. The gold standard was adopted, varying between 100,000,000 and 734,000,000 francs. Silver, 39-154.

1893.—Suspension of the coinage of silver in Brazil and India. The gold standard was adopted on individual account. Panic in the silver market in July, 1893, when the price fell below 30c., representing the ratio of 1 to 15.4.

1894.—Adoption of the gold standard by Chile. 1895.—Russia decides to coin 100,000,000 gold rubles in 1896.

1896.—Costa Rica adopts the gold standard. 1896.—Russia decides to resume specie payments.

1897.—Adoption of the gold standard by Russia and Japan. 1897.—Peru suspends the coinage of silver to 28, which had not been transferred to the committee was to leave the various elements of the insurance muddle in still greater confusion. The visit of the committee was now spoken of as having failed to accomplish the only object in view, the conciliatory interests, and on this account the committee was to leave the insurance troubles in the District, on how performed the task. As is now generally conceded, the effect of the visit of the committee was to leave the various elements of the insurance muddle in still greater confusion. The visit of the committee was now spoken of as having failed to accomplish the only object in view, the conciliatory interests, and on this account the committee was to leave the insurance troubles in the District, on how performed the task. 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